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ABSTRACT

This book provides a comprehensive examination of the rise of free agent workers, how free agency is transforming the lives of free agents and those around them, problems encountered by free agents, and the future of free agency. The following are among the topics discussed in the book's 19 chapters: (1) the numbers and nuances of free agency; (2) the ingredients of free agency; (3) the new work ethic; (4) the new employment contract; (5) the new time clock; (6) free agency's impact on the economy; (7) the free agent organizational chart and operating system; (8) the free agent infrastructure; (9) matchmakers, agents, and coaches; (10) free agent families; (11) roadblocks on a free agent avenue (health insurance, taxes, zoning); (12) temporary slaves, permanent temporary workers, and the rise of self-organized labor; (13) free agency, retirement, and aging; (14) free agency and the future of education; (15) free agency and the future of offices, homes, and real estate; (16) the path toward free agent finance; (17) the new politics of free agency; and (18) free agency and the future of commerce, careers, and community. A total of 296 chapter endnotes are included. Appended are the results of an unscientific World Wide Web-based survey of 1,143 free agents. (MN)

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